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FROM the announcement on another page it will be seen that THE BURR Gold Medal for individual athletic development will go to some member of the lacrosse team this year. This is in pursuance of an established policy of rotation among the various athletic organizations, which is obviously not only just but for the best interests of the University. Last year the medal went to the Nine, being awarded the player who obtained the highest batting average.

It has been thought best to confine the competition for the medal this year to the younger lacrosse players, and we certainly hope this additional incentive to hard work will not be without its effect. There are splendid possibilities for a most successful season, and everything depends upon the new men.

IN this issue we publish a list of the college records in athletics, an examination of which will show something of the tendencies in track athletics of late years. It will be observed that, with the exception of one, all the running records are comparatively old. Whatever may be the cause, it is certainly true that interest in this branch of athletics has steadily declined. Probably this is chiefly due to the dominant influence of the various

teams, which, it must be admitted, offer many more attractions.

In other directions the list presents a very satisfactory showing in this regard. Nearly all the records are of recent date, the present Senior Class holding a greater number than any class has ever held, having six records to its credit.

What is needed more than anything else to give an impetus to general athletics is a first-class running track. The present one is as poor as it could well be and certainly offers little inducement to the men who would train, and it is not a little surprising that so many comparatively good records have been made on such a track.

REGARDING the matter of preserving the text-books which are studied in the engineering schools, it may not be inappropriate to say a word. Not a few men yield to the temptation to dispose of them as the subjects are completed, so that when they come to graduate all have disappeared and they have nothing to show for the large amount that has thus been expended. This is certainly a serious mistake, and one which sooner or later will be regretted.

Many of these are standard works, costing in the aggregate a very considerable sum, and while unlikely soon to be able to afford their repurchase, the necessity for consulting them will constantly arise, and not infrequently at times when other reference books are wholly inaccessible.

The ability to intelligently use the principles which they set forth is about all a course in engineering will give, and it is obvious a young engineer places himself at a serious disadvantage when he throws away the weapons, so to speak, whose service he has just acquired, and trusts to memory and to chance to arm himself as occasion may require.

AT the last annual meeting of the Alumni Association it was decided, in recognition of the progress made in athletics at the University to request all the graduates to unite in contributing to a fund for establishing

a permanent trophy in class athletics, and a committee was appointed to purchase a cup of suitable design for this purpose, and to formulate a set of rules governing the award of the same.

No definite action has as yet been taken by the committee having this matter in charge, but it is probable efforts will be made to enlist the interest of the Alumni, and carry the plan into execution before the end of the year. It is an excellent undertaking and deserves the hearty support of all old Lehigh men. The maintenance of a creditable athletic prestige is certainly important when such universal consideration is given to college athletics of all kinds, and any efforts which may be made by the Alumni to foster development in this direction at their *Alma Mater* can scarcely fail to be productive of good results and will be heartily appreciated.

THE Executive Committee of the Athletic Association is not undeserving of criticism for its management of the inter-class contest at the recent winter meeting. Without entering into a discussion of the small controversy that has subsequently arisen as to the award of the class trophy, all the circumstances of which are sufficiently well known, we wish merely to call attention to the unusual system of counting points, which is, we believe, without athletic authority of any kind. If the scale adopted at the recent intercollegiate meetings had been accepted, there would have been no ground for question, but the committee took upon itself to fix its own standard of the relative importance of firsts, seconds and thirds, and in this much committed a serious mistake.

The actual decision in the case is in itself a very inconsequential matter, but the spirit manifested by the members of the committee throughout in reviewing the decisions and in their attempt to decide the question, has been exceedingly partisan and will scarcely serve to promote a general feeling of confidence in the ability of this committee to deal fairly and impartially with any athletic controversy which may in future arise. Again is emphasized the necessity, which we have so often urged, for an Alumni Advisory Committee.

AT many colleges instructors of a certain number of years' standing, receive as a

reward for their labors the title of Assistant or Associate Professor, their remuneration being often though not necessarily increased. This custom wherever tried has been productive of excellent results, for it supplies a direct incentive to good work and permanency. Every instructor strives by faithful and long service, to merit the distinction even though it is not accompanied by increased pay, as when bestowed it is a direct recognition of his worth and a stepping stone to higher honors either at home or abroad. Sometimes, as at Cornell, a leave of absence on full pay is often granted the new assistant professor, to enable him to travel and perfect himself in his special studies, and as may be easily imagined, when he returns to work, it is with the determination to prove worthy of the benefits derived.

We are in need of such a system here at Lehigh. The gap between Professors and Instructors should be filled and a distinction apparent to the outside world made between the senior Instructor and the young graduate, between the adept and the beginner. Our present system offers few inducements to earnest work, as men who have been here fifteen years are on a par with the newest comer, and what is more the very fact of their remaining simple instructors all this period is taken by outsiders, who are ignorant of Lehigh customs, as an indication of unfitness or mediocrity, and thus the same causes which deprive these men of their just deserts here, keep them from obtaining better positions elsewhere. In consequence valuable men come here only to go away as soon as they receive an offer from some other institution, and even though their new position may not be quite as good as the one they held here, they prefer the former, as they have there some chance for promotion.

There is an urgent necessity for a change, and we commend the whole matter to those in authority.

ATTENTION is called to the fact that all articles intended to be in competition for THE BURR prizes must be received prior to the Easter vacation, which begins April 3. These prizes have been offered by THE BURR as an incentive to contributors to these columns and for the purpose of awakening a more active interest among the undergraduates that we may be enabled to choose

our successors intelligently; and it is to be hoped the opportunity thus afforded those who desire to connect themselves with the publication of their college paper will not be neglected. Immediately after the Easter vacation the Editorial Board for the ensuing year will be chosen, and it is very necessary that the men desiring an election should make themselves known at once. The editors to be elected are as follows: Two from 'Ninety-one, one from 'Ninety-two and two from 'Ninety-three.

It seems scarcely necessary to state that there are no particular limitations to the kind of articles which may be submitted by those seeking election to the Editorial Board; but preference will be given according to the suitability for publication. In every case a reasonable regard for the rules of English composition and orthography is all that is required.

These positions will be filled from among the actual contributors, by the election only of such men as have given evidence of their ability and interest in this direction. In every case this is the sole standard of eligibility, having been established as necessary for the best interests of the paper, and will in no instance be infringed upon.

During the past year several vacancies have remained unfilled in the Editorial Board solely because men trying for these positions did not attain the standard of eligibility regarding the required number of accepted articles. We would therefore urge upon all who wish to be considered candidates for these positions, the necessity for contributing as frequently as possible, so that when the editors are chosen they may not be deprived of an election by only lacking one of the required number.

A DECEPTION.

BEFORE me lies a wedding card. And thereby hangs a tale—a tale in which the punishments fitted the crimes.

Rather more than a year ago, our class was East for a week on a visit of inspection. We had gotten back as far as New York City, and after a fatiguing day in the shops, Harry Street and I were nodding before an open fire in our room at the hotel, while the rest of the fellows were out taking in the town. Harry and I were what is *technically* known as chums, having been neighbors all our lives in Chicago.

We were both Seniors at B—— College, and had been very attentive to the same girl, Ethel Yoe, last Summer. It was she who had been occupying my thoughts that evening when I said, "Harry, I guess I will cut the visit to-morrow to call on a friend in the city." My real intention was to run up to Dobbs, where Ethel was receiving the finishing touches to her education at the school presided over by the celebrated Miss Masters, but this I did not want Harry to know. His reply almost took my breath away as, "I am going to cut too," he said, "but I intend calling on Ethel Yoe, and by the way, do you remember her address, I have forgotten it." "Yes, here it is," I answered, and controlling my features as best I could wrote "Miss Ethel Yoe, Nyack, N. Y.," on one of my cards and handed it over.

I had rather confused dreams that night; dreamt of Ethel at Dobbs and of Miss Masters dressed up as a Continental soldier, standing guard over her precious charges; and awoke rather late to find Jack already up and gone. Eating a hasty breakfast, I started for the depot to catch the 10:10 train, but as is always the way in such cases, missed it by a minute or so, and had to be content to take the 11:15.

By dint of inquiry, I found my way from the depot of Dobbs to the school. I sent in my card, and soon it was returned with the information that it would be impossible for me to see Miss Yoe again. In vain I answered, "There must be some mistake, I have not seen Miss Yoe as yet." The maid was obdurate, saying that was Miss Masters' message and complaint was useless. Disgusted and disheartened, I left Dobbs by the next train, and I rode back, uncomfortable furthermore at the thought of having to face Harry, mad as he would be at the mean advantage I had taken. "All's fair in love and war," I consoled myself, "but that was a beastly trick and I am served about right."

Providence, however, befriended me this time, for I found Harry in our room when I returned. He was tramping nervously up and down the floor and I could see he was in an ugly humor. "Hello," he cried as I entered, "Luck *was* against me to-day. An infernal wreck on the road blocked all traffic and I could only get half way." "Hard lines old fellow," I said, putting on a sympathetic air, for I was really very much relieved to find he

had not discovered the deception, more especially because his unmistakable appearance of genuine anger at the mishap completely ridded my mind of a certain vague but disagreeable suspicion that he had had some hand in my very strange reception at Dobbs. Fortunately there was no chance for him to repeat his attempt to find Ethel at Nyack, as our party went back to B—— next morning.

That was in March and college life kept us both very busy until June. At first I wrote occasionally to Dobbs until the regularity with which the letters came back, countersigned by Miss Masters, convinced me of the uselessness of the attempt.

On the evening of Commencement Day Harry and I were sitting talking it all over, with our diplomas within reach, when suddenly he broke out with, "Seymour, do you know you took a mean advantage of me last March." "Why how was that," I said in astonishment, for I had really almost forgotten the incident narrated above. It was only momentary, however, and I fear my look of injured innocence did not succeed very well, as with a cynical smile he presently continued, "Oh, you know very well what I mean. Do you remember our inspection visit this Spring, and particularly the last night in New York? Well then you will perhaps also remember, rather too fagged out to go skylarking with the fellows, we spent the evening in our room at the hotel, and how jovial and companionable you were, for you sat the whole blessed evening staring in the fire without so much as uttering a word. So I had nothing better to do than to yawn and casually amuse myself endeavoring to decipher the trend of your ponderous thoughts. I very well recollect how placidly you smiled into the the fire and how I had about concluded you were thinking of something particularly pleasant—of somebody—in short of Ethel Voe. You frowned occasionally and then I knew I had appeared on your mental stage. Presently you said something about cutting next day and calling on a friend in the city, and so I fancied I had been mistaken, for you certainly had been thinking of the person on whom you expected to call. I was well satisfied, however, for then I told you I was going to call also but on—Ethel, and got her address from you. You did not seem extraordinarily pleased at this, but gave it to me, taking rather unnecessary

pains, I thought, to write it on a card. Well that night I was unusually wakeful—it was the mind reading effort I suppose—and I envied you your peaceful slumber. Soon you began to toss in your sleep and to mutter something about Ethel and Dobbs and Miss Masters who threatened to shoot you, so before you relapsed into silence I knew all and how the address on your card was a myth.

"Before I slept my plans were formed. I caught the 9:05 train for Dobbs in the morning, and at 10:00 I was at Miss Masters'. I sent in not my card but yours—the one you had pencilled the address on—for I knew one name was the same as another to Miss Masters and I wished—why you shall soon learn—to ascertain the character of her feelings in regard to us from the nature of the surprise she would manifest on perceiving that the man did not correspond to the card. Besides I realized that when you called you would probably be refused admittance, as Miss Masters would think you were calling for the second time. Well I thought Ethel looked agreeably surprised. Encouraged, I proposed and was accepted. Now old boy I bear you no malice, as I think your punishment sufficiently severe and I want you to be my best man."

As may be easily imagined, I was in a very unenviable frame of mind while hearing these revelations, and the news of his engagement capped the climax. I made an attempt at congratulation and then left him.

I went West the next day alone, Harry going to Asbury Park to remain for a few weeks before following me home. Fortunately Ethel was not in Chicago, and in the week or more that elapsed between my home coming and her own, I became partially reconciled to the inevitable.

She had been in town several days, when one afternoon I was seized with the impulse to go and call on her. I found her at home and alone. When at last I ventured to speak of the engagement her amazed look bewildered me. Then I learned all. Jack had lied. He had proposed at Dobbs and had been rejected.

I left the house an hour later thinking of the ring I would buy—and this is my wedding card.

—The President's room has been newly furnished.

OMNIA VINCIT AMOR.

A GENTLE wind laden with sweetness rare
Sighed o'er the dale;
And made each blade of grass, each flower fair,
In homage quail.

An amorous rose more willing than the rest,
Such rev'rence bent,
His opening petals touches the lily's breast,
In love intent.

And behold I see 'neath the quick'ning gloom
The lily pale;
And a deathly white replaces her bloom
Down in the dale.

The rose petals with rare redness blush.
The gloom above
Can scarce conceal the first effulgent flush
Of new found love.

THE BURR MEDAL.

IN continuance of an established custom of awarding annually a gold medal for the best individual record in some branch of athletics, we take pleasure in making the following announcement:

The Medal will this year be awarded to that member of the lacrosse team who shall show during the season the *greatest development* in the game, subject to the following conditions.

I. That he shall never have played on the University team in any regular game (whether championship or otherwise) before this season.

II. All men not debarred by condition I who shall play in any one game during the season shall be considered equally eligible; that is, men who may not win a place on the team until late in the season shall not be prejudiced thereby.

III. Faithful training shall receive particular consideration.

IV. Award to be made by a committee of three members of the University.

The committee will be announced and the medal placed on exhibition at an early day. The latter will be of solid gold, in a new and appropriate design, and expense will not be spared to make it fully equal to any medal ever awarded at the University.

THE SOPHOMORE CLASS SUPPER.

THE second annual banquet of the Class of '92 occurred at the Allen House, Allentown, on March 7. About forty men all in splendid spirits went up on a special car attached to the 8.50 Lehigh Valley train and at

9.30 sat down to discuss the excellent menu.

When they tired of feasting, the president of the class, Robert F. Snyder, as toastmaster, called for the first toast, "Beyond the Alps lies Italy," which was responded to by A. E. Jessup. Then followed "Foot-Ball," W. W. Blunt; "The Ladies," A. S. Maurice; "The Class Celebrities," J. E. Jones; "The Resorts," E. Dodge; "Our Tug," L. W. Walker; "The Fledglings," C. K. Shelby; "My Kingdom for a Horse," G. H. Atkins." Messrs. Blunt, Maurice and Atkins were especially applauded. It was not until the wee small hours of the morning came that the joyous throng left the festal board and made their way homeward, feeling that never had there been such a pleasant supper before or one so marked by class spirit and general good-fellowship.

The menu card was pretty, its leaves being bound together by shreds of blue and white silk, representing the class colors, and the class cut formed the frontispiece. The committee consisted of R. J. Snyder, J. Y. Bassell, jr., M. McClung, jr., R. Masson and C. K. Shelby, to whom is due great credit for their successful management.

THE GOSSIP.

THE Gossip has overheard several lively discussions lately as to the advisability of substituting a '90-'91 banquet for the Junior hop in June, the argument in favor of the innovation being that the customary hop is unfair to both classes; unfair to '91 as all its members are taxed for the enjoyment of a few; unfair to '90 because it is a gift only a small number will profit by. The banquet, it is urged, will be open to no such objection, but will be a source of pleasure to Senior and Junior alike, and a fit present from '91 to '90. This view of the matter is worthy of some consideration inasmuch as it is held by, if not a majority, at least a large number of the upper classmen, but nevertheless The Gossip thinks it is a very selfish one and hopes it will not prevail. The Junior Hop, though given especially for the Seniors, also benefits directly the lower classmen and gives moreover infinite pleasure to the fair ones who gather here during Commencement Week. It is one of the pleasantest features of those June days, to visitors at least, and is due to the college by the Junior Class as much as Sophomore Cremation or Senior

Class day. A banquet would benefit only those directly concerned, being also open to the objection that it would conflict with the Senior Class Supper. The Gossip knows a combined banquet to be very distasteful to many Juniors and Seniors and doubts seriously whether the almost unanimous attendance necessary for success could be secured. The idea of such a thing should be abandoned, as both custom and courtesy join in demanding the Junior Hop.

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The Gossip was dozing peacefully in Jim's room not long since when he chanced to overhear a bit of conversation which at once attracted his notice. "It will be a shame if 'Ninety finally gets the banner," said someone, "they don't deserve it; why the whole thing was a put up job." The Gossip was decidedly awake by this time, and to say that he was startled by this bit of news but faintly expresses his feelings. "Put up job," what could the man mean? The Gossip listened eagerly for the rest of the conversation. What he heard is almost beyond belief, and The Gossip did not place any faith in these rumors till further developments forced conviction upon him.

It seems that the manner of making the entries for the last sports was most peculiar and, if rumor be true, that the book of entries miraculously disappeared several times when certain men wished to enter their names. The Gossip heard also strange stories of how some men were told that it was too late to enter their names and yet how others were permitted to enter a day or so later. From all that The Gossip could gather it seems that the whole proceeding was decidedly unfair and one-sided and The Gossip has been wondering why the Executive Committee allowed such a state of things to exist even after the matter was brought to their knowledge.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

THE following statement of the receipts and expenditures incident to the two concerts given by the musical organizations for the benefit of the Athletic Association, has been received:

RECEIPTS.

Concert at Bethlehem,	\$387 20
Concert at Easton,	100 15
Total receipts,	\$487 35

EXPENDITURES.

Glee Club expenses,	\$ 59 75
Banjo & Guitar Club Expenses,	78 75
The Orchestra	44 00
House rent,	118 50
Printing and advertising,	79 65
Piano rental and miscellaneous,	19 85
Total expenditures,	\$400 50
Athletic Association benefit,	75 00
Balance,	11 35
	\$487 35

ALEXANDER POTTER,
Business Manager.

THE COLLEGE RECORDS.

THE following are Lehigh's best athletic records, and only include such as have been made at meetings held under the immediate auspices of the Athletic Association. This statement is necessary because in several instances better records have been made by these men at inter-collegiate games:

EVENT.	HOLDER.	DATE.	RECORD.
100 Yards Dash.....	M. M. Duncan, '80	May 12, 1879.....	10 1-5 sec.
220 Yards Dash.....	M. M. Duncan, '80	May 3, 1879.....	23 1-4 sec.
440 Yards Dash.....	C. M. Toimani, '85	May 3, 1884.....	54 4-5 sec.
Half Mile Run.....	H. J. Toimani, '80	May 19, 1883.....	2 min. 8 1-2 sec.
One Mile Run.....	C. H. Miller, '88	May 14, 1887.....	4 min. 52 sec.
One Mile Walk.....	E. R. Coates, '90	May 18, 1889.....	7 min. 37 sec.
Two Mile Walk.....	O. E. Emmerich, '82	May 3, 1879.....	17 min. 2 sec.
120 Yards Hurdle Race.....	R. J. Morrow, '80	May 14, 1881.....	16 sec.
Two Mile Bicycle Race.....	W. S. Regel, '90	Oct. 12, 1889.....	6 min. 28 sec.
Standing High Jump.....	W. C. Riddick, '90	April 7, 1888.....	4 ft. 8 1-2 in.
Running Broad Jump.....	W. J. McNulty, '80	Oct. 11, 1879.....	9 ft. 10 in.
Running High Jump.....	R. J. Morrow, '82	May 14, 1881.....	5 ft. 3 in.
Running Broad Jump.....	B. E. Rhoads, '85	Oct. 27, 1883.....	18 ft. 7 1-2 in.
Throwing Hammer, (16 lbs.).....	C. H. Detweiler, '90	May 18, 1889.....	84 ft
Putting Shot (16 lbs.).....	J. D. LaDoo, '87	May 15, 1886.....	35 ft. 9 in.
Pole Vault.....	S. D. Warner, '90	May 18, 1889.....	9 ft. 10 in.
Running High Kick.....	R. J. Jones, '89	April 2, 1887.....	8 ft. 8 in.
Fence Vault.....	W. C. Riddick, '90	March 2, 1889.....	6 ft. 8 1-2 in.

DE ALUMNIS.

[Contributions to this Department are solicited.]

'86.—J. W. Richards, A. C., contributed to a recent number of the *Youths' Companion* an article "Aluminium, the Wonderful Metal."

'86.—George A. Ruddle, Ph.B., died at his home in Mauch Chunk Thursday, March 13th, of typhoid fever. He was taken sick in Cumberland, Md., where since September he had held the position of principal of the Alleghany County Academy. His death is peculiarly sad owing to his youth and the success which he was achieving in his late position. He was loved and respected by his patrons and pupils and his death is a severe loss to the school over which he presided. Resolutions have been adopted by the trustees and pupils of the school and memorial services were held in Cumberland.

'87.—J. B. Wright, C. E., has just accepted a position on the Pennsylvania Railroad and will be stationed at Jersey City.

'88.—S. H. Jencks, C. E., is on the engineering corps of the Norfolk & Western Railroad.

COMMUNICATIONS.

[The editors are not responsible for any opinions expressed in this column. No anonymous communications published.]

EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:—When the Chapel was built it was a part of the scheme to have clergymen from a distance occupy the pulpit at regular intervals. The plan was tried for a time but seems to have been lost sight of lately. The good results which would grow out of an arrangement of this kind are as obvious as they are numerous; among others the number of town people who attend the chapel would be largely increased.

The visits which Bishop Rulison makes to the Chapel are events which are much looked forward to by the students, and the interest which is felt in his sermons and the discussions which follow are excellent witnesses to the beneficial results. Could these visits be made more frequent, or could such men as Drs. Rainsford and Vandewater of New York, Hall of Brooklyn or Powers of Pottsville, be induced to visit us occasionally, results would be obtained, in addition to those already growing out of Dr. Kaye's work, satisfactory enough to repay ten-fold any trouble that may be expended to secure their services.

S. Y. L.

EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:—Having occasion recently to use one of the lexicons in the Library and having applied for it at the

desk, I was surprised to learn that they were not to be given out any more. Being at a loss to account for this sudden change in the rules and regulations, I sought an explanation and learned that the Library had no intention of furnishing students with text-books, and that the authorities were fearful lest the books be worn out. While I fully uphold the policy of the authorities in not furnishing text-books, the lexicons do not seem to me to be text-books, but books of reference. And supposing one book a year were worn out, judging from the amount of money spent by the Library in works of not half the practical value of a lexicon, it seems that there is sufficient income to purchase new ones each year. The men in college do not habitually use the lexicons, but when there is a vacant hour and one wishes to work out some translation, one cannot carry a large lexicon to the Library, and it is very convenient to get one there. For such occasions the lexicons should be accessible.

BIBLIOTHEQUE.

EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:—The base-ball and lacrosse seasons will soon open and we wish now to enter a plea for lower admission fees to the games. There has always been more or less protest offered against the high rates in the past, particularly since no distinction is now made between those who are liberal in their subscriptions to the team funds and those who are not.

We have no fault to find with the managers for their desire and efforts to swell the receipts as much as possible. It is in sympathy with that object that this is written.

The cost of accommodating a thousand people on the athletic grounds would not be appreciably more than to accommodate five hundred. Large audiences create enthusiasm in the players and call forth the best that is in them. Frequent attendance at the games creates an intense interest and enthusiasm in the spectators over the players and the games. The effect among our own number would be to develop in us an interest in and a knowledge of the games which as a body we do not now have. We know from personal experience and observation that the attitude towards lacrosse and foot-ball was completely changed after witnessing several good games. It appeals to common sense whether a person would not be more willing to pay 25 cents

oftener than 50 cents and more than twice as often.

Let us have popular prices. We have a large population in the Bethlehems and Allentown, whose interest in and attendance at the games should be secured. C.

EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:—Notwithstanding the criticism THE BURR has made in regard to the looseness in our methods of base-ball training, a slight repetition will not be out of place. As has been stated, there is no reason why Lehigh should not, in the course of time, focus her training methods down to that point where, as at Yale, it is made a matter of common concern to the college at large; no reason can be advanced why each student should not consider it his personal duty to use all his influence in promoting the efficiency of method in these matters. It is said that at Yale it is one of the prerogatives of every man—even of freshmen—to report any unfaithfulness in adhering to strict disciplinary training.

In foot-ball Lehigh is approaching this point of development more than in base-ball. The excuse given is that Lehigh has never yet seen a remarkably successful season in the latter sport, and therefore interest and incentive to train, is weakened. It can be seen that this is a reverse method of reasoning. Success can never come to us without previous training. As a comparison of the different lights in which our foot-ball and base-ball methods are viewed we submit two incidents:

Last Fall one of our foot-ball men was seen smoking and was thus accosted, "Hello! I thought you were training." This was the last time this candidate for foot-ball honors smoked during the season. A week ago an aspirant for base-ball distinction walked home from Sunday chapel amidst a large crowd, smoking, and not a word was said. It is needless to say that Messrs. Coates and Biggs were not witnesses to this breach of discipline. But, in their absence, why should not each man constitute himself guardian? Would it be mean, small, or in the least unjust to report these things?

At last a successful season in base-ball seems within our reach. Faithfulness in training means Lehigh victorious, and such faithfulness can only be attained in proportion as we, the whole college, put temptations out

of the reach of these twenty-five men now training for base-ball. OBSERVER.

CALENDAR.

- March 20—Base-Ball. '92 vs. '93.
- " " Electrical Engineering Society. Physical Laboratory.
- March 22—Base-Ball. '90 vs. '91.
- " 23—University Guild. Memorial Chapel.
- " 24—Base-Ball. Final game of Class Series.
- " 24—Chemical Society. Chemical Laboratory.
- " 26—Base-Ball. Muhlenberg College. South Bethlehem.
- " 29—Base-Ball. Actives of Lebanon. South Bethlehem.
- April 2—Base-Ball. Philadelphia. Philadelphia,
- " 3—Base-Ball. Washington. Washington.
- " 4—Base-Ball. University of Va. Charlottesville.
- " 5—Base-Ball. University of Va. Charlottesville.
- " 5—Natural Science Society. Christmas Hall.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove by death our friend and brother, GEORGE ARTHUR RUDDLE, therefore be it

Resolved, That while bowing in submission to His divine will, we, the Lehigh Chapter of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, express the sense of our loss in the death of a faithful brother whose life has ever been spent in unselfish devotion to friends, and in the cultivation of a manly Christian character.

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family our deepest sympathy.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Fraternity and University publications.

SAMUEL D. WARRINER,

PAUL M. PAINE,

WILLIAM H. KRAMER.

FOR THE LEHIGH CHAPTER.

KERNELS.

—Rafferty, '92, has left college.

—The Sophomores began Courtenay on Tuesday.

—Gearhart has been elected as captain of '93's base-ball team.

—F. K. Jenney, '93, has left college on account of ill health.

—Heikes, '85, Hood, '83, Goodenow, '83, and McGraeff, '85, were in town recently.

—At the University Guild meeting, March 9th, "The Psalms" was the subject for discussion.

—W. H. Stokes, '88, was in town recently visiting his fraternity men at the Chi Phi house.

—C. H. Davis, '87, was in town for several days a fortnight ago, visiting his uncle, Prof. Harding.

—Through the courtesy of H. Howard, '93, THE BURR has secured No. 11 of Vol. 7, needed to complete its files.

—The Senior Mechanicals spent several nights last week in making a general test at the Lehigh Zinc Works.

—The Bethlehem *Times* is devoting considerable space each week to college notes and matters of general interest to University men.

—At a recent meeting '93 decided not to purchase caps and gowns as a class, considering that they were not sufficiently worn to justify such action.

—T. S. Leoser, '90, has completed his course in Analytical Chemistry and has returned to his home, in New York, where he will assist his father in journalism.

—The *Week's Sport* maintains unimpaired its standard of excellence, and comes to us regularly with its columns filled with the latest college and athletic news.

—Lee, Boynton, Lincoln and Barnard, all members of former Lehigh lacrosse teams, will play this year with the Columbia Lacrosse Team of Washington, D. C.

—The Senior Miners, accompanied by Messrs. Congdon and Sherwood, paid a visit to the Drifton mine, inspecting the iron coal breaker and the new gyrating screens.

—Two prominent fraternities, Psi Upsilon and Phi Kappa Psi, will hold conventions in April, Psi Upsilon at Brown and Phi Kappa Psi at Chicago Alumni Association.

—Bishop Rulison made a short address at the mid-day Lenten service, March 7, and Rev. Mr. Nelson, of the Church of the Nativity, spoke at the same service on March 14.

—The Chemical Society met on March 10th, and listened to an interesting address by Mr. Heinrich on the storage battery, especial reference being had to electrolytic and chemical action.

—The University base-ball team played a game with the Freshmen on March 13, winning by a score of 14 to 4. Grant and Richardson were '93's battery, while for the Uni-

versity, McClung caught, Dashiell and Warrier alternating in the pitchers box.

—At the last meeting of the Engineering Society, the following Juniors were elected to membership: Juan de la R. Barrios, Emanuel Chao, George S. Hayes, William A. Heindle, Alexander L. McClurg and Peyton B. Winfree. Prof. Merriman will address the society at its next meeting on April 1.

—The plans for the new grand stand have been submitted to the contractors and work upon it will begin in the near future. Its seating capacity will be about six hundred, there being five rows of seats. Its dimensions will be about 70 feet in length by 20 feet in depth. Nothing definite can be known until the builder has been decided upon.

—The second number of the current issue of the *Engineering Society Journal* has appeared, containing "A New Form of Gas Producer," by Professor Frazier, being a review of a proposed modification of the Siemens system; "Fuel Gas," by Mr. Merkle, the second of a series of papers on this subject from the same pen; and "The Holbrook Spiral as a Transition Curve," by E. T. Reisler, '87, consisting of a description of the methods used by the writer in applying the spiral to realignment work.

—We print as a matter of general interest a list of former editors of THE BURR who are now engaged in journalism. J. D. Ruff, '82, is on a Helena, Mont., newspaper; M. A. DeW. Howe, '86, is an editor of the *Youths' Companion*, Boston; W. H. Cooke, '85, *Denver News*; R. G. Cooke, '84, *New York Star*; R. H. Davis, '86, *New York Evening Sun*; E. M. Cooke, ex-'87, *Colorado Springs Gazette*; W. D. Farwell, '89, *New York Tribune*; C. H. Boynton, '89, *Washington Bureau of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*, and G. E. Lefevre, ex-'91, *Engineering and Mining Journal*, New York.

—The Annual Circular of the School of General Literature, containing the latest changes in the Literary Courses, has been issued. The custom of issuing these circulars was inaugurated last year and undoubtedly the large increase in the number of applicants for admission to these courses was due to the publicity thus given them. The changes most noticeable are in the department of English. The requirements for entrance in this subject are now, that the applicant have a thorough

knowledge of English Grammar and Orthography, and that he write a composition of four hundred words on a subject taken from some classic English author. In this way good English reading is encouraged. The course after entrance has been greatly changed and augmented. In Freshman year Kellogg's Rhetorical Praxis and Coppée's Rhetoric are studied, together with essay writing; and in Sophomore year Geurniss' Rhetoric, with critical readings from classic English authors. Throughout the first two years instruction in elocution is given. In Junior year and in the first term of Senior year, practice is given in essay writing and in the delivery of orations and in extemporaneous discussions. In the second term of Senior year the student shall write a critique, a poem and a graduating thesis. The course in English Philology and Literature remains as laid down in the Register.

BOOK REVIEW.

ROOFS AND BRIDGES, PART II, GRAPHICAL STATICS, by Mansfield Merriman, Professor in Civil Engineering in Lehigh University, and Henry S. Jacoby, Instructor in Civil Engineering in Lehigh University. New York, John Wiley & Sons, 1890.

THIS second volume in the series on roof and bridge construction, all of which Professor Merriman's preface leads us to expect will eventually be issued, is certainly up to the high standard of Part I, and is in many respects superior to any similar treatise yet issued. The most pleasing feature about the book is the admirable clearness of the plates, in several of which original expedients have been introduced that greatly abbreviate the processes and simplify the diagrams. The text is clear, and is supplemented by numerous practical examples, while the same excellent arrangement and manner of presentation, characteristic of all of Professor Merriman's admirable text books, is preserved. The greater portion of the book, including the cuts and plates, is the work of Mr. Henry S. Jacoby, senior instructor in Civil Engineering.

As a useful reference book it will be a very valuable addition to the collection which it is to be supposed all of the engineers are forming about the nucleus of the principal text books which they use here, and it is decidedly worth the while of those who have completed the subject of Graphical Statics under the course of lectures heretofore delivered to procure it, not only because the methods of this treatise are familiar to them, but because of the superior merits of the book itself.

EDITORS' TABLE.

THE confidential insight a little service here around the table gives one into what may be called the inner consciousness of college life is oftentimes so incidentally instructive and amusing that it seems altogether a pity it should be wholly lost to the reader. To the latter nothing is apparent but the printed page, and that too without personal interest of any kind. He peruses what is placed before him after a docile, mildly critical fashion, and does not greatly trouble himself as to how or whence it came about; the standard professional literature with which he is more or less familiar enabling him to hold some vague criterion of judgment of service in casual discrimination, and that is about the extent of his abstract interest. As far as concerns comment and accounts of current happenings he is further involved by personal feeling and bias, but even these are more or less passive.

But to The Table there is a deeper significance and a nearer relation not only to the printed page, which is common to both, but to the mass of material that never finds itself in type, but falls by some mysterious affinity into that unkind vortex of oblivion—the waste basket. To resurrect a few of the more absurd specimens and place them discreetly before the reader is an effective method of mirroring some vivid if not altogether pleasant impressions that can scarcely fail to be productive of good results.

The fact is, with no actual necessity for so doing, The Table not infrequently makes too great an effort to establish and maintain a higher standard of excellence than the reader really deserves. For it is to be remembered the reader himself is the contributor as well, and that there is no special class from whom the contents of these pages are to be obtained under the pressure of pecuniary and other compensation that professionally prevails. What is found here should not be a whit better than the reader makes it by the industry and interest shown in contributing, and would not but for the zeal and labor of those immediately intrusted with the work. How often then would these pages be but a series of blank sheets or as discredibly filled as was a recent extra page, the comfortable reader very probably does not trouble himself to consider.

COLLEGE NOTES.

—The *Yale Lit.* is the oldest living college publication.

—Hazing and rushing have been abolished at Dartmouth.

—The college buildings now in use at Yale cost nearly \$2,000,000.

—The total membership in Greek Letter Societies in America is 75,000.

—Brown University is to have a monthly periodical called *The Brown Literary Magazine*.

—The State Oratorical Contest of Iowa was held February 27th. Parsons College took first rank.

—Wooster University is about to banish fraternities because they countenance dancing and card-playing.

—No class will graduate at Columbia Law School this year, as the course has been considerably lengthened.

—By the will of the late Governor English, Sheffield Scientific School receives \$25,000 for a Chair of Mathematics.

—Twelve students were recently expelled from Washington and Jefferson College for cutting a Latin examination.

—Pastora E. Humphrey, of Newport, has given Harvard \$10,000 for a Scholarship to be awarded to students from Thomaston, Maine.

—The Babylonian Explorers sent out by the University of Pennsylvania last year have secured 3000 tablets, which will be brought to the University.

—Harvard University has offered its duplicate specimens in biology and archæology to Toronto University, whose collection was recently destroyed by fire.

—Senator Edmunds is said to be in favor of founding a National University, as a fitting way to celebrate the four-hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America.

—The Class of '81, Princeton, has decided to give that college a collection of charts representing ancient, medieval and renaissance sculpture, as a decennial present.

ATHLETIC NOTES.

—Harvard will have three Winter Meetings this year in March.

—Wesleyan expects to have eight of its best foot-ball players back next year.

—The Princeton nine has been practicing out of doors since the warm weather began.

—Dr. Sargent, of Harvard, favors the discontinuation of the tug-of-war contest in athletics.

—The gymnasium instructor at Cornell, R. F. Nelligan, was at one time Jake Kilrain's trainer.

—Oxford and Cambridge will row their annual boat-race on the Thames, in London, March 26th.

—Columbia is soon to have a new athletic field. She expects to put a base-ball team on the field this year.

—University of Pennsylvania expects to send up both a 'Varsity and a Freshman Eight to the races at New London.

—The new shell for the Harvard crew, now being built, will probably be completed about the middle of April. It will cost \$500.

—An effort to establish professional base-ball in England will be made this summer. The foot-ball players will be taught the game.

—Interest in all Athletic Sports has been practically dead for the last two months at the University of Michigan. Having no gymnasium they cannot hold any winter meetings.

—The University of Pennsylvania expects to take first place in two events at the inter-collegiate meeting—putting the shot, and running high jump. It also has hopes of winning the mile-walk.

—Williams held her first indoor athletic exhibition on the 19th. It consisted principally of vaulting and jumping and was very successful. The college record for the pole vault was raised to 8 ft. 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.

—A plan will soon be presented to the students of Columbia to amalgamate the different athletic interests of the college under the head of a single finance committee, in order to lessen expense, and to allow each organization a fixed amount for expenditure.

CLIPPINGS.

LIVES of poor men oft remind us
Honest toil don't stand a chance;
More we work, we have behind us
Bigger patches on our pants.

—Dartmouth.

HE KNEW THE GAME.

A LOVING pair were Nell and Bob,
The fellow something of a joker,
And Bob—though this his girl wot not—
Knew all the ins and outs of poker.

"One little heart is all I ask,"
The maiden murmured with a blush.
"Why, then," the wicked beau replied,
"You must be drawing for a flush!"

—Bowdoin Orient.

ABOVE MY DOOR.

I HAVE no bust of Pallas above my chamber door,
To guard with awful eyebrows these tomes of ancient lore;

And if in vain I struggle with the mighty thoughts of yore,

There is not, perching there, a raven of despair,
To croak in hollow accents, "Nevermore."

I have a gilded horseshoe above my chamber door,
And there it hangs and glistens, while o'er my books I pore.

I am not certain that things go better than before;
But bad luck does not stay, and no witches come this way,

So let the horseshoe hang there evermore.

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NIGHT.

DAY is dying—from the village
Comes the dim, uncertain sound
Of the labor god's last breathing,
While the mourners gather round—
Dark-robed shadows from the hill-tops
To the valley pouring down.

Day is dead—anon the mountains
Don the sombre garb of woe,
While in heaven, set by angels
Myriad tapers dimly glow.
And the brook a requiem chanting
Sighs the wind an ave low.

—Williams Lit.

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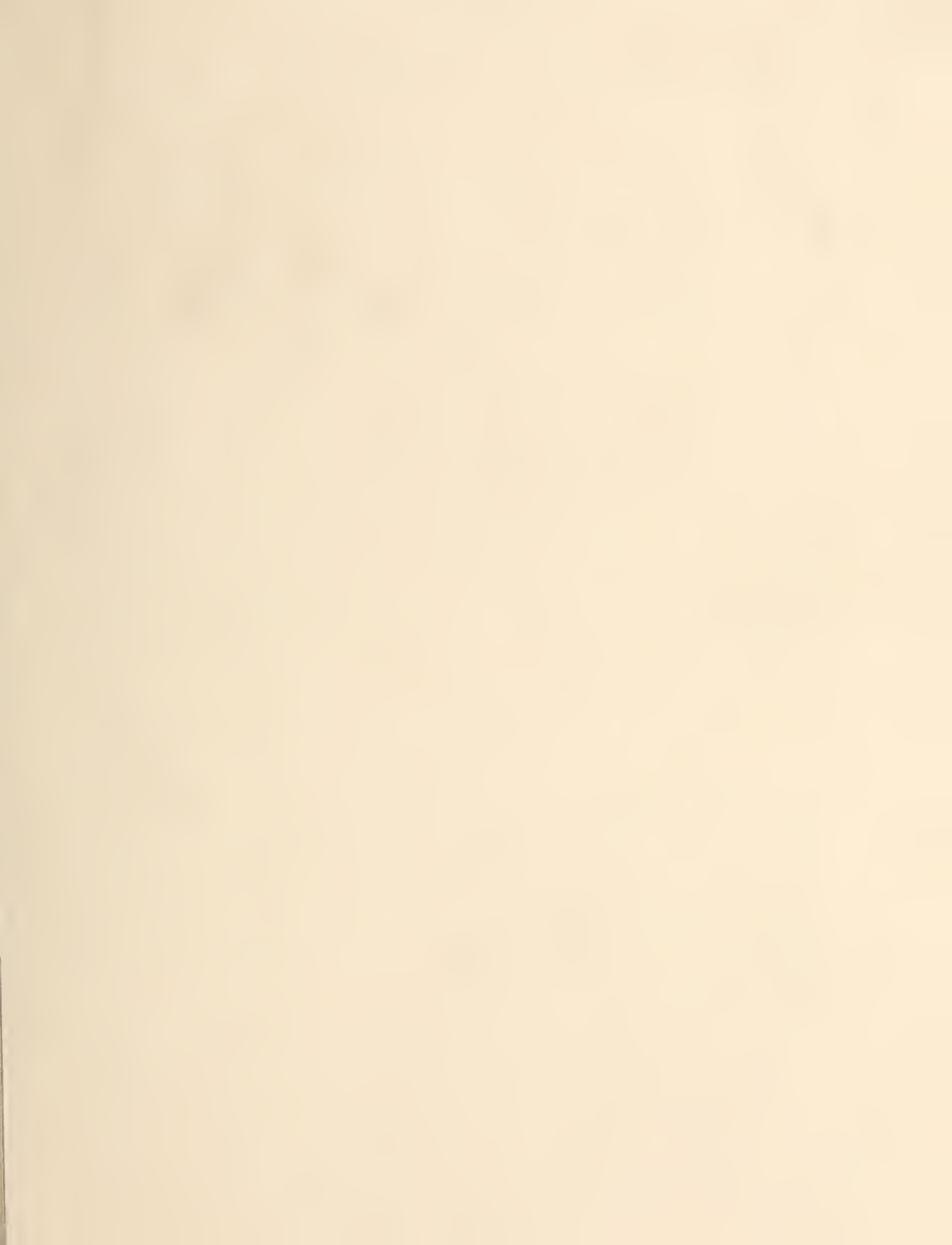
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